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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2002, applicant elects claims 1-4 and 13 of Group 1, without traverse. Please CANCEL the non-elected claims 5-12 and 14, without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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